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### SHOOTING.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

**SALTLEY ANNUAL PIGEON SHOOTING MATCH.**—On Thursday the members of the above met in strong force at Washwood Heath, and an excellent day's sport followed. After some little delay twelve of the leading "shots" got together, and made a match, six a side, at three birds each, for a dinner.

The score was as follows:—

Mr. Thursfield's side.

Mr. Thursfield .. .. 101

Mr. Picken .. .. 011

Mr. Sheepcot .. .. 101

Mr. Brown .. .. 001

Mr. Team .. .. 101

Mr. Wood .. .. 101

Mr. Tommas's side.

Mr. Tommas .. .. 111

Mr. Johnson .. .. 110

Mr. Bailey .. .. 010

Mr. Spencer .. .. 110

Mr. Hazant .. .. 011

Mr. Smallwood .. .. 100

By the above score it will be seen that the match ended in a tie, each side killing eleven birds. It was consequently agreed to shoot off at one bird each, when the match was won by Mr. Tommas's side killing four out of six, against three birds on the side of Mr. Thursfield. Mr. Tommas killing his birds throughout with a precision that perfectly astonished all present.

At the conclusion of the above match a sovereign sweepstakes was formed at three birds each, when some excellent shooting followed, with the result appended:—

Mr. Picken .. .. 101

Mr. Johnson .. .. 110

Mr. Tommas .. .. 111-01

Mr. Sheepcot .. .. 111-00

Mr. Team .. .. 110

Mr. Thursfield .. .. 011

Messrs. Tommas and Sheepcot tying, shot off, both gentlemen missing their first bird, Mr. Tommas killing his second at a long range, and thus again securing the victory. Mr. Sheepcot mistaking him. We cannot refrain from again speaking in the highest terms of the beautiful manner in which Mr. Tommas "dropped" his birds, which, in the majority of cases, fell "as dead as a door nail." At the conclusion of the day's sports the members of the trigger repaired to Mr. Brown's, the Advertiser Arms Inn, where an excellent dinner was served, and the evening was spent in that harmony and good fellowship so congenial to the feelings of all true Englishmen after enjoying true English sport.

**ANNUAL MATCH AT BIRCHFIELD.**—On Monday last a number of sporting gentlemen assembled at Mr. Tommas's, Mail Shovel, Aston New Town, a match at eleven birds each having been fixed for that day, on the usual conditions. Owing to one of the party proving a defaulter in his subscription at the last moment, the match could not come off. The party assembled, however, being anxious for a little sport, a match was quickly made between our Mr. Tommas and Mr. Johnson, on the usual conditions, which was won by Mr. Tommas, after some very indifferent shooting. This gentleman then backed his gun at 2 to 1 on each bird, a well-known sporting gentleman accepting the bet. Mr. Tommas proceeded to kill eight birds in succession, when our

sporting friend declined further proceedings. Several small sweepstakes followed, and a very fair day's sport was obtained.

**PIGEON SHOOTING AT PERRY BARR.**—On Friday last a number of gentlemen assembled at the old Crown and Cushion to contend for a dinner, an annual Christmas custom, and after a short delay they repaired to an adjoining field, and commenced sport by shooting a match, at two birds each, between five gentlemen from Smethwick and an equal number from Perry Barr, in return for a match shot a fortnight back, in which Perry Barr carried off the palm. The usual conditions were adhered to.

Perry Barr side.

Mr. Terry .. .. 111

Mr. Middleton .. .. 111

Mr. Elcock .. .. 111

Mr. Jenks .. .. 110

Mr. Heath .. .. 110

Mr. Southwick .. .. 110

Smethwick side.

Mr. W. Brown .. .. 111

Mr. D. Brown .. .. 111

Mr. J. Forbes .. .. 110

Mr. Foxall .. .. 110

Mr. Southwick .. .. 110

After the above, a match at three birds each was shot, two sides being formed, Messrs. Forbes and Middleton against Messrs. W. and D. Brown; this match resulted in a tie.

Mr. Forbes .. .. 111

Mr. W. Brown .. .. 111

Mr. Middleton .. .. 101

Mr. W. Brown .. .. 111

There were not sufficient birds left to shoot out the match, a large number of trial birds having been used at the commencement of the sport. An adjournment was now made to the Crown and Cushion, where our host had not been idle in catering for the bodily wants of the sportsmen, who sat down to an excellent dinner, and spent a very pleasant evening.

#### GREAT PIGEON SHOOTING MATCH AT KILSO.

THE great pigeon match, which has excited so much interest amongst the sportsmen along the Borders, came off on Saturday in Sir George Douglas's park at Springwood, kindly granted for the occasion. The day was fine and bracing; while the birds were in splendid condition, and quick on the wing. Amongst the large number of entries were many of the crack shots in the counties of Roxburgh, Berwick, and Northumberland—the latter county being represented by Mr. John Kyle, of Newcastle; Mr. Thomson, of Wether; Mr. Moffatt, besides many others. There were a large number of spectators in the park, and betting went on briskly during the day. The following is a list of the successful competitors:—

Handicap, entrance, 10s. 2s. 6d. forfeit; 9 birds each; boundary 50 yds; Hornsey Wood rules.—Mr. Dodd, 1st; Mr. Fair, 2nd; Mr. Kennedy, 3rd; Gamekeepers' Prize, 2s. 6d. entry; 2 birds each.—Thomas Boyd, 1st; James Rae, 2nd; Wm. Stoddart, 3rd.

Sweepstakes of 5s. each; 5 birds; 23 yds rise.—Mr. Charles Kerr, 1st; Mr. Usher, 2nd.

Sweepstakes of 2s. 6d. each; 23 yds rise; 9 subs; 3 birds each.—Mr. Fair and Mr. A. Walker.

Sweepstakes of 2s. 6d.; 3 birds each; 23 yds rise; 9 subs.—Mr. J. Henderson, 1st; Mr. R. Shortreed, 2nd.

Sweepstakes of 2s. 6d. each; 3 birds; 23 yds rise; 25 subs.—Mr. Patrick Johnston, 1st; Marquis of Downmont, 2nd; Mr. A. Robertson, 3rd.



INCIDENT IN A LATE RUN WITH THE DUKE OF RUTLAND'S HOUNDS.

(From a Drawing by our own Artists)







## CRICKET.

## THE CRICKET SEASON OF 1862.

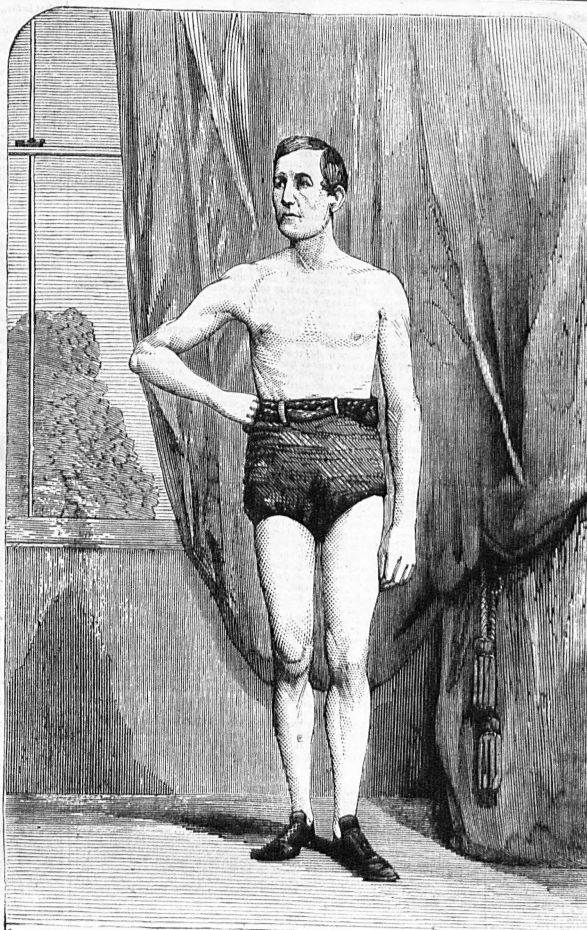
(Written expressly for the Illustrated Sporting News.)

In our last article we brought the matches played last season by the County of Surrey to a conclusion, and we now continue with those of the County of Nottingham. Nottingham played four county matches last season, of which three were won and one drawn, very considerably in their favour: it will be seen, therefore, that Nottingham holds a very high, perhaps the highest, position in the cricketing world of 1862. This fact we attribute mainly to the excellence of their bowling. A county that can bring into the field four such bowlers as R. C. Tinley (slow), Jackson, Wootton, and the veteran "Jenny" Grundy, is not to be beaten easily, especially when backed up by such magnificent "bats" as Richard Daft, Mr. W. Bury, George Farr, Mr. Bateman, Grundy, and we might also add Jackson, who has most wonderfully improved in the batting department of late years, although it must be confessed that his bowling has somewhat fallen off together with his two such wicket-keepers as little "Flick" Biddulph and civil Frank Moore, and with a long-stop like Charley Brampton, who is also a very fair bat and change bowler, we say that a county which can bring forward such an eleven as that is a match for any other eleven England can produce.

With these few preliminary observations, which we hope will not be considered one-sided—for we distinctly and emphatically repudiate any feeling of that kind, we commence with the first match played by Nottingham, which took place on Fensie's Ground, Cambridge, on the 6th and 7th of June. Cambridge were pretty strong in the field, but it must be admitted that the Nottingham Eleven played "weak." George Farr and Mr. W. Bury being absent, the former with a cracked hand, and the latter engaged with his studies at college. The following were the names of the Nottingham Eleven:—R. Daft, Alfred Clarke, Jackson, Brampton, R. C. Tinley, Grundy, Wootton, Charles Daft, Biddulph, Horsley, and Smith—the four last-named being all "colts," two of whom (Biddulph and Horsley) made their *débüt* in the "colts match" of 1862. It was three days' match, but rain prevented play on the first, and had not the "out" county (Nottingham) hit most tremendously hard in their second innings, when they had 146 runs to obtain and a little over four and a half hours to do it, the match would doubtless have been drawn; as it was, however, they "knocked off" all the runs before time was called, and won the match, therefore, with three wickets to go down. The following was the state of the figures at the close of the game:—Cambridge, 96 and 181; Nottingham, 100 and 145, with seven wickets down. All the "colts" acquitted themselves capably, Biddulph stumped one when he had to retire through a smash on the hand from a ball bowled by Wootton; Charles Daft "ran up" a pretty played 25; Horsley made 2 and 14, and Smith 10 and 4. Jackson and R. Daft also came off with high honours, the former scoring 28 and 37 (not out in both innings), and the latter 29 and 40—both batsmen being vociferously applauded by the spectators, of whom there was an extremely large and fashionable attendance, especially on the Saturday, when the match became so close.

Nottingham's second match was with the famed county of Surrey, and unfortunately it ended in a draw, much, however, in favour of the first-named. It was played at the Oval on the 13th and 14th of June, no play taking place on the 13th, the rain coming down such a positive "pelter." On Friday, however, the weather cleared up, and though not over brilliant, there was an immense attendance of spectators. The Nottingham Eleven was the same as in the Cambridge tourney, with the exception that Frank Moore took Biddulph's place behind the stumps, and it must be added, acquitted himself very cleverly. Jackson rattled up a brilliant innings of 59, for which he received the usual Surrey acknowledgment. R. Daft and A. Clarke played two innings each of 18, the former being settled by a most wonderful catch made by that promising Surrey "colt," Tom Humphrey. Four others of the eleven also got into double figures—Grundy, Horsley, Brampton, and Tinley; and the innings closed for 172. The Surrey total only reached 108, which left them 64 in a minority. Tinley took six wickets, Jackson three, and Wootton one. On Saturday, the last day, the celestial elements were again unpropitious, and the match was consequently abandoned, seven runs having been obtained in Nottingham's second innings without the loss of a wicket. The attendance at the Oval during the match was extremely large, and would, doubtless, have been much larger had it not been for the rain—perhaps the cricketer's only enemy.

The third match played by the county of Nottingham



THOMAS: THE NORTHERN DEER.

(From a Photograph.)

was the return with Cambridge, which took place on the Trent Bridge Ground, Nottingham, on the 3rd and 4th of July. The weather fortunately was fine, and the attendance numerous and classical. In this match Mr. W. Bury and George Farr played the two "colts." Horsley and Smith, standing out. Fred Bell, a merry-bat and fair bowler, ought to have played for Cambridge, but didn't, being, as it afterwards turned out, engaged with his pupils at Eton College. His place in the field was taken by a Nottingham "colt," named Fletcher, who is engaged as a professional bowler to the Commercial and Amateurs Club, we believe. The Nottingham "bats" in their first and only innings, gave the Cambridge bowlers a rare stultifying: Fred Clarke hitting two from Mansey (slow) played splendidly—the first-named somewhat luckily, although, being several times misaid in the field, and at the close of the innings the telegraph board showed 231 as the total. Cat Bridge, in their first innings, only scored 48. Tinley's slow playing the very device with them—their two "cracks," Carpenter and Hayward, being sent to the right-about in the ground on to the Gamston road, obtaining six runs from each. Grundy, R. Daft, Farr, and Clarke were very fine. Cambridge had to follow their innings, and although they made a decidedly better stand than in the first, they were all "polished off" for 147, thus leaving the "home" county victorious in one innings, and 39 runs "to the good." We should add that the match proved a great disappointment to the Nottingham people, who expected to see some rare play from the two Cambridge "guns." Hayward and Carpenter, but their expectations were ungratified, as both were disposed of before getting fairly settled down to the bowling. It was at the close of this match that a game at single wicket for 250 places between three Nottingham players—Jackson, Clarke, and R. Daft, and three Cambridge—Hayward, Carpenter, and Tarrant, and the former won easily.

The fourth and last county match played by Nottingham was the return with Surrey, which took place at "the Bridge," Nottingham, on the 25th, 26th, and 30th of July. The weather was glorious, the wickets perfect, and the attendance great and classical. The match proved a splendid victory, fully settled down to the bowling. It was a first-rate eleven into the field, as did also Surrey. The Mr. W. Bury, Mr. Bateman (who took Biddulph's post behind the "sticks"), Grundy, Wootton, Brampton, R. Daft, C. Daft, R. C. Tinley, and Alfred Clarke. Surrey, Mr. P. Miller, Mr. F. Burdett, Mr. E. Donson, Carty, Julius Caesar, Griffiths, Humphrey, Lockyer, Pooley, "tiny" Sewell, and H. H. Stephenson. The only player of any name left out of the Surrey team was that beautiful batsman, Mortlock, who was unwell. The hitting in Nottingham's first innings was astounding, some tremendous scores being made. The Surrey bowling being beaten away to nothing. "Jenny" Grundy made 60, Mr. Bateman, a rattling 62; the veteran Farr, 37; and genial Jackson, 22. The innings finished for 224. Surrey followed this with 133, and they had, therefore, to follow their innings, which reached 187, thus leaving Nottingham 36 to win. This they accomplished for the loss of five wickets, Richard Daft and Mr. W. Bury being top scorers of those who went to the stumps.

From the above detailed account of the doings of the County of Nottingham it will be seen, as we remarked at the commencement of our article, that they won three out of their four matches, and one was drawn, much in their favour. The bowlers who have been most successful are, of course, Jackson, Wootton, and Grundy. The first-named bowled 164 overs, and took 30 wickets; the second 154 overs and 17 wickets; the third 139 overs and 10 wickets; and the last-named 84 overs and 2 wickets. The highest scores in a single innings are, Grundy, 78 (not out); Jackson, 59; Alfred Clarke, 37; Richard Daft, 40; and George Farr, 37. The highest average obtained in the county matches is by Jackson—58; then follow Grundy, R. Daft, and Clarke, in the order named.

With the above remarks we must conclude our account of the doings of the County of Nottingham in '62, and hope they may have as glorious a season in '63, although we can hardly hope for such a consummation, in consequence of the discontinuance of the Surrey matches, to which subject we shall refer in extenso at a future time.

(To be continued.) CRICKET.

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SEEL, OF STALYBRIDGE.

(From a Photograph by Sydney Smyth, Athenaeum, George-street, Easton-road.)

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